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### Wabash, North Manchester fireworks displays set

Wabash city's fireworks were being planned for dusk Sunday, July 4, with a rain date of Monday, July 5. The 2021 North Manchester Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Display will be at 10 p.m. Saturday, July 3 at Manchester High School. The rain date is Sunday, July 4. The free celebration kicks off at 7 p.m. with the Manchester Civic Band. Families and individuals are encouraged to come early to find a spot. Lawn chairs or blankets will make viewing more comfortable. Parking is available at Manchester High School, Manchester Administrative Building and Manchester Recreation Association lots. For the safety of guests, no alcohol, sparklers or personal fireworks are permitted.

### Salamonie Senior Luncheon planned for Monday, July 5

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, July 5, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. Join Huntington County Purdue Extension educator Caroline Everidge, as she gives tips and tricks on "Safety from Scams." The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. The main dish is provided by Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. A \$1 donation will be accepted

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## Honoring 'local heroes'



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A new North Manchester Center for History exhibit – appropriately titled "Local Heroes" – seeks to honor those who sacrificed for the nation.

### New North Manchester Center for History exhibit showcases sacrifices

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

From the Civil War through Operation Desert Storm and beyond, Wabash County residents have been on the front lines of America's battles.

A new North Manchester Center for History exhibit – appropriately titled "Local Heroes" – seeks to honor those who sacrificed for the nation.

"This collection includes uniforms and memorabilia from our archives, many items donated directly by the veterans," said director Laura Rager. "We offer this presentation to celebrate the many brave men and women that have and continue to protect our freedoms."

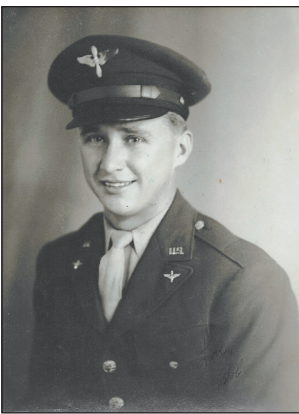
Rager said the veterans represented are all from North Manchester or the immediate area.

"Many still have family (including) children and grandchildren living in the area," said Rager. "We have had a great response to the exhibit. Of course, timing is everything."

Rager said the exhibit shares the stories of nearly two dozen men and women from the community "who were willing to make the greatest sacrifice for our freedom."

"Dating back to the Civil War we have personal accounts of teachers, farmers, doctors, nurses – everyday people – that heard the call and left the safety of Wabash County to protect the people they loved. Numerous veterans of World War II are included in addition to Vietnam and Desert Storm."

Rager said there are several uniforms on display from World War I through Vietnam in addition to other memorabilia.



Robert "Bob" Kreider was born Aug. 26, 1924, on a farm near Liberty Mills.

"Created in conjunction with this exhibit, we have a collection of 'Letters Home' taken from the local papers during World War II," said Rager.

Rager said included are eyewitness accounts of Dec. 7, 1941, from Pearl Harbor, prisoners of war chronicling their lives inside a prisoner of war camp and life in general on the lines. This collection is available for sale in the gift shop, The Bee Hive.

The North Manchester Center for History is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at 122 E. Main St., North Manchester. The museum will be closed Saturday, July 3.

For more information, visit [www.northmanchestercenterforhistory.org](http://www.northmanchestercenterforhistory.org).

Included below is just a few of the stories featured in the exhibit:

#### Staff Sergeant Jot Freeman

In 1944, the North Manchester News-Journal reported:

Jot Freeman is in the Hawaiian Islands at a rest camp



There are several uniforms on display from World War I through Vietnam in addition to other memorabilia, including this World War II uniform.

but isn't enjoying it very much, because he now has a broken leg. He is still having trouble with his inflamed eyes but had returned to duty. Just as they were going over the target the pilot kicked the plane around unexpectedly and Freeman lost his footing, breaking his leg. When he was based in the Gilberts his plane fell into the Pacific.

"Hope you haven't worried too much during the past week or so," wrote Staff Sergeant Jot Freeman. "I'd have written sooner but I had a little trouble with my eyes. They were a little sunburned.

We were shot down and while in the life raft I didn't have any covering over my eyes. (There were six men in the raft.) We're a lucky crew – everyone got out all right. I got a few small cuts and bruises, nothing serious tho, even if they did give me the Purple Heart. I feel swell now except I'm a little nervous and jumpy. My iron nerves are pretty rusty. Did I tell you that a few weeks ago I had my head shaved? Boy, there wasn't a hair on it. I had a scalp infection or something.

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## Commissioners approve solar commercial moratorium

Plan Commission is drafting a proposed ordinance

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

No new commercial solar energy projects will be approved for the time being after a unanimous decision by the Wabash County Board of Commissioners.

Planning Commission director Mike Howard presented the item during Monday's regular meeting.

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners has been advised that the Wabash County Plan Commission is drafting a proposed ordinance addressing regulations for the installation of solar energy systems, to be presented for its consideration soon, according to the approved temporary ordinance.

"The Board of Commissioners believes it to be in the best interests of the citizens of Wabash County to impose a moratorium on improvement location permits for commercial solar energy systems pending the adoption of the proposed ordinance," stated the ordinance.

Because of the temporary ordinance's approval, no improvement location permits shall be issued allowing construction of commercial solar energy systems until the Wabash County Board of Commissioners adopts an ordinance regulating the installation of commercial solar energy systems.

This temporary ordinance will expire upon the adoption of an ordinance regulating the installation of

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## Most of state's current COVID-19 cases positive for variants

ISDH will soon provide county-level data for this specific testing

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

While COVID-19's spread remains relatively low both in Wabash County and statewide, most of the recent cases have tested positive for one of the virus variants.

On Friday, Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) media relations coordinator Megan Wade-Taxter said localized information on these variants was not currently available but would be soon.

"We are working to make the county-level variant data available on our dashboard," said Wade-Taxter. "You can find data on the number of cases of each variant in Indiana on our dashboard."

Variants are different strains of a virus, such as SARS-CoV-2 – the virus that causes COVID-19 – that arise as a virus mutates or changes, according to the ISDH.

"Viruses naturally mutate as they multiply to make more virus particles, and new variants are expected over time. Some variants will die out. Other variants may persist and even become common if they

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## Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry, WCUF distribute tons of meat

Several shipments have been given to groups around Wabash County recently

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

This past year has exacerbated the already gnawing problem of food insecurity, and the lack of available protein has been at the forefront of that issue.

To help address that need, in 2020, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry sent Wabash County over four tons of meat, 1,100 pounds of which were provided to Wabash County United Fund to distribute, said Wabash County United Fund (WCUF) resource coordinator Di Wion.

This year, WCUF is helping to directly support 20 nonprofit agencies at work in Wabash County and is also distributing state and federal grant funds to many others.

On April 28, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry, currently a United Fund partner agency, provided Wabash County with 1,000 pounds of sausage

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Provided photo

Laura Helm and ACCESS executive director Liz Hobbs with meat from Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry.



# Bishops, politicians, communion: Little change over decades

The questions that haunted the Pontifical Academy for Life conference were familiar, controversial and exhausting, since Catholics and their bishops had been arguing about them for years.

The year was 2006, but little has changed in 2021.

What should bishops do when prominent Catholics – even presidential candidates – defend and promote abortion rights? What if they said they accepted church teachings on the sanctity of human life, while their actions suggested otherwise?

Would it violate the “separation of church and state” if bishops denied them access to Holy Communion? What if bishops asked these politicians to go to confession?

“This is silly,” said scholar Robert P. George, addressing that Vatican gathering. A Catholic shepherd “acting on his authority as a bishop to discipline members of his flock who commit what the church teaches are grave injustices against innocent human beings” would be “exercising his own constitutional right to the free exercise of religion,” he said.

“Freedom is a two-way street. No one is compelled by law to accept ecclesiastical authority,” stressed George, an outspoken Catholic layman and professor of jurisprudence at Princeton University. Thus, a bishop has “every right to exercise spiritual authority over anyone who chooses to accept it. There is a name for people who do accept the authority of Catholic bishops. They are called ‘Catholics.’”

At that time, most debates centered on Sen. John Kerry, the Democratic Party’s presidential nominee in 2004.

Cracks inside the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops widened with the election of

## Terry Mattingly



quickly dropped his longstanding opposition to the federal funding of abortion after criticism from the left in the 2019 primaries.

Despite fierce opposition from several U.S. cardinals, 75 percent of the U.S. bishops recently voted to proceed with a document on “Eucharistic coherence” in an age in which many Catholics reject key church teachings – including the core belief that bread and wine used in communion become the body and blood of Jesus.

Doctrinal conservatives have continued to ask what it would take for bishops to enforce Canon 915 in church law, which states that Catholics “obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin” should be denied Holy Communion.

Facing withering media criticism, the bishops released a statement saying they made “no decision about barring anyone from receiving Holy Communion. Each Catholic – regardless of whether they hold public office or not – is called to continual conversion, and the U.S. bishops have repeatedly emphasized the obligation of all Catholics to support human life and dignity and other fundamental principles of Catholic moral and social teaching.” There will be, they stressed, “no national policy on withholding Communion from politicians.”

Asked if he was concerned, Biden told reporters: “That’s a private matter and I don’t

President Joe Biden, a rosary-carrying Catholic who – in word and deed – has evolved into a fierce defender of abortion and LGBTQ rights. Biden

think that’s going to happen.” This reference to “private” support for church teachings, as opposed to public actions, is another sign that little has changed in these debates over several decades.

On Twitter, George recently noted: “If we take him at his word: (1) Joe Biden believes that unborn children are human beings who bear inherent and equal dignity and a right to life. (2) Joe Biden believes that this particular class of persons should be denied protection against homicide afforded by law to all others.”

During his 2006 address at the Vatican, George noted that public servants attempting to combine those two beliefs violate the “most basic precept of normative social and political theory: the Golden Rule. ... By exposing members of the disfavored class to lethal violence, one deeply implicates oneself in the injustice of killing them.”

This raises a question, he said, that some bishops want to avoid: “What should they do about those who claim to be in full communion with the Church yet promote gravely unjust and scandalous policies that expose the unborn to the violence and injustice of abortion?”

While many bishops want clarity on that issue, “it’s clear that some bishops believe it would be counterproductive to take that step,” said George, reached by telephone. “It wouldn’t be prudent, in other words. ... They fear many Catholics will rebel and make it look like the bishops are tools of the Republican Party. ... They fear a backlash against Catholicism.”

Terry Mattingly leads *GetReligion.org* and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.



Provided photo

F.I.S.H. director Janet Shoue with meat from Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry.

## MEAT

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to be given directly to hungry residents or used in community dinners which require no charge.

This amount of meat provided meals for over 4,000 county residents in need.

Wion said WCUF contacted several county nonprofit organizations with offers of meat.

Those that requested and received amounts from this gift from Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry included Friends in Service Here (F.I.S.H.) with 200 pounds, First United Methodist Church of Wabash with 300 pounds, Laketon American Legion Post No. 402 with 100 pounds, Lago Community Center with 100 pounds; La Fontaine United Methodist Church with 50 pounds, La Fontaine Learning Community with 90 pounds, The ACCESS Youth Center with 50 pounds, Zion Lutheran Church in North Manchester with 80 pounds and Lighthouse Missions with 30 pounds.

Each of these organizations either offers the meat directly to needy county residents to take home for use in their home-prepared meals or uses the meat to help prepare community meals offered gratis to hungry county residents.

Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry sent another full ton of meat – enough to feed 8,000

people – to the WCUF on June 16.

Most of the 2,000 pounds of sausage have been distributed to the following nonprofits: Somerset Community Relocation and Development Corporation with 60 pounds, F.I.S.H. with 1,000 pounds, Laketon American Legion Post No. 402 with 200 pounds; Lago Community Center with 100 pounds, First United Methodist of Wabash with 300 pounds, Learn More Centers of North Manchester and Wabash with 25 pounds, Wabash Friends Church with 50 pounds, Wabash County Solid Waste Management District with 50 pounds and WCUF with 30 pounds.

County nonprofit organizations which received meat from that latter amount included The ACCESS Youth Center, Lago Community Center, Wabash First United Methodist Church, Manchester Early Learning Center, Laketon American Legion Post No. 402 and Wabash County Solid Waste Management District.

Modoc’s Market has helped to provide extra storage for frozen meat when necessary.

Wabash County Solid Waste Management District has been extremely helpful to provide pick-up and receiving services as well as interim freezer storage.

“The staff members there have loaded vehicles with hundreds of frozen packages for nonprofit organizations,

often in only a few days,” said Wion.

According to Feeding America’s Map the Meal Gap, over 887,000 Hoosiers regularly struggle with food insecurity – 273,380 of whom are children.

Founded in 2011, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry has paid to process 1.8 million pounds of meat – providing over 7.5 million meals.

Partnering with 85 meat processors statewide, the organization gives approximately 250,000 pounds of meat annually to an average of 450 hunger relief agencies throughout Indiana.

“Wabash County United Fund thanks Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry and their donors for these substantial gifts given through nonprofit organizations to county residents,” said Wion.

WCUF has had a long relationship with Hoosier Feeding the Hungry. For example, in 2019, the WCUF donated \$1,000 to be used to serve Wabash County residents.

If your nonprofit organization is in our county, could use sausage for a free community meal or a food pantry, and would be interested in some of the pounds still available or in receiving some portion of the next gift of meat, call 260-563-6726 or email di.wion@wcuunitedfund.org.

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### 5-Day Weather Summary

<b>Saturday</b> Sunny 81 / 65	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Sunny 88 / 68	<b>Monday</b> Partly Cloudy 90 / 70	<b>Tuesday</b> Mostly Sunny 89 / 71	<b>Wednesday</b> Scattered T-storms 88 / 72

#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 9:14 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 6:21 a.m.

New 7/9	First 7/17	Full 7/23	Last 7/31

#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 81°, humidity of 51%. West northwest wind 5 to 9 mph. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 65°. West southwest wind 3 to 9 mph. Sunday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 88°, humidity of 54%. West wind 4 to 7 mph.

# Local Beehive Trolley No. 85 Tour tickets on sale

The two local beehive stops will be included  
Saturday, July 31

## STAFF REPORT

Visit Wabash County has announced that tickets are now on sale for the Local Beehive Trolley No. 85 Tour, according to marketing manager Whitney Millspaugh.

“Experience first-hand how two local bee farms began and learn what it takes to care for these buzzing honey-makers,” said Millspaugh. “Tasty treats made with local honey will also be served along the way.”

The tour will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 31, is \$25 per person, and will begin at the Visit Wabash County Welcome Center in downtown Wabash.

The two local beehive stops include:

■ **Bizzy Beez:** Setting up at Bass & Bucks, Wabash locals Landon Topliff and Alix Winer will introduce you to their queen bee and

demonstrate how they collect honey and transform it into numerous consumer products.

■ **Wiled Miles Honey:** Located near LaFontaine, The Meyer family will showcase the difference between a flow hive compared to a regular bee box hive and how they teach the youth about the importance of bees.

Visit Wabash County has also partnered with Modoc’s Market to provide freshly brewed honey lavender iced tea, as well as Wabash local and photographer Kaleigh Middelcoop who will be offering homemade honey lavender cookies and sweet honey granola, all made with local honey.

“I am especially excited about this tour because Wabash County has so many local honey farms that many aren’t aware of. We hear about the importance and necessity of pollination that bees provide but we typically don’t get to see that in action on a large scale,” said Visit Wabash County tourism manager Jennifer Long-Dillon.

“I am also excited to offer another tour that is appropriate for kids ages 10 and up as well as adults. Traveling to locations around Wabash County and experiencing something new is one concept that makes these tours unique. I hope you join us on this fun, behind-the-scenes tour.”

Tickets for the Local Beehive Trolley No. 85 Tour are \$25 per person and are all-inclusive. This is a tour for those ages 10 and up and there will be average walking required with some uneven ground. To purchase tickets online, visit our website at [www.visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours](http://www.visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours). You may also stop in the Welcome Center at 221 S. Miami St. Wabash, IN, or call 260-563-7171. Payment is due upon registration.

“Visit Wabash County would like to thank Bass & Bucks for sponsoring this tour and J.M. Reynolds Oil Company for being the official fuel provider for Trolley No. 85,” said Millspaugh.

# Manchester University announces Spring 2021 Undergraduate Dean’s List

By ANNE GREGORY

Manchester University named 338 undergraduate students to the spring 2021 Dean’s List, including several locals:

■ **Ava Barefoot**, of North Manchester, majoring in history and Spanish.

■ **Bryan Bathke**, of North Manchester, majoring in accounting and business management.

■ **Tasha Brubaker**, of North Manchester, majoring in biology and environmental studies.

■ **Madeline Dazey**, of Wabash, majoring in social work.

■ **Karly Eichenauer**, of North Manchester, majoring in biology and chemistry.

■ **August Elliott**, of Wabash, majoring in elementary education.

■ **Samantha Hendricks**, of Wabash, majoring in music.

■ **Brooklyn Howard**, of North Manchester, majoring in early childhood and elementary education: mild interventions.

■ **Tyler Hudson**, of Roann, majoring in environmental studies.

■ **Chloe Leckrone**, of North Manchester, majoring in peace studies.

■ **Benjamin Nesler**, of North Manchester, majoring in psychology and religious culture.

■ **Bethany Pegg**, of North Manchester, majoring in psychology.

■ **Danielle Pegg**, of Wabash, majoring in marketing.

■ **Dakota Prater**, of Liberty Mills, majoring in biology.

■ **Alina Reed**, of Wabash, majoring in digital media arts.

■ **Mackenzie Sheridan**, of Wabash, majoring in music.

■ **Elijah Smith**, of North Manchester, majoring in

history.

■ **Hallie Sorg**, of North Manchester, majoring in biology and chemistry.

■ **Austin Wieland**, of North Manchester, majoring in early childhood and elementary education and mild interventions.

At the end of each semester, the Office of Academic Affairs publishes the Dean’s List.

Students earning a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher who have completed at least 12 semester hours with no more than three hours of Pass/Not Pass grades are included on the Dean’s List. Students with more than one hour of Incomplete (I) or Not Recorded (NR) grades at the end of the semester are not eligible for the Dean’s List.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

# Wabash City Hall closed until Tuesday

Wabash City Hall and all non-emergency departments of the city of Wabash will be closed until 8 a.m.

Tuesday, July 6, 2021, according to Mayor Scott Long’s assistant Bev Vanderpool. “Have a safe and

happy holiday,” said Vanderpool. Republic Services will run the trash route on their regular schedule.

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# Obituaries

## Harriett Belle Lochner

March 31, 1929 – June 29, 2021

Harriett Belle Lochner, 92, of North Manchester, Indiana, died 6:34 am, Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at Parkview Wabash Hospital. She was born on March 31, 1929, in Larwill, Indiana, to Ralph LeRoy Barney and Nellie Manilla (Roby) Barney Bolinger.

Harriett was a 1947 graduate of Larwill High School. She married Francis G. Lochner, on April 11, 1948, in Laotto, Indiana; he died Feb. 2, 1989. She worked at Heckman Bindery in North Manchester, for 22 years, retiring in 1991, and also was a cook at Manchester Junior High School. Harriett attended Liberty Mills Church of the Brethren. Harriett played the piano and organ by ear and was a longtime member of the Tri-County Choir. She enjoyed cleaning her house, camping, and spending time with her family.

She is survived by four children, Thomas (Shelley) Lochner of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Roger Lochner of North Manchester, Indiana, Cynthia (Larry) Hoffman of Wabash, Kevin L. (Barb) Lochner of North Manchester, 9 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren; and her sister, Dorcas Holley of Marion, Indiana. She was also preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Betty Lochner and Hazel Trump, her brother, Harlo



Barney, and one great grandson, Waylon Correll.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Friday, July 2, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, 207 W. Main St., North Manchester, with Pastor Kelly Beutler officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester. Friends may call 3-7 pm Thursday, and one hour prior to the service Friday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Timbercrest Retirement Community.

Harriett’s family would like to thank the staff at Timbercrest for the wonderful and loving care she received while a resident there, with special thanks to the Crestwood and Healthcare staff for the last few years of her life. She was truly blessed.

The memorial guest book for Harriett may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Cory L. Woodward

Aug. 5, 1977 – June 26, 2021

Cory L. Woodward, 43, a lifetime resident of Wabash, passed away at 12:27 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, 2021, at his residence. He was born in Wabash, on Aug. 5, 1977, to Sandra (Woodward) Elliott.

Calling hours will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Friday, July 9, 2021 at Mc-

Donald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992. After calling, family and friends will then proceed to Memorial Lawns Cemetery in Wabash for Military Honors.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com).

## Colleen Conkling

Colleen Conkling, 84, of Roann, passed away at 3:39 a.m. on June 30, 2021

Per Colleen’s wishes, there will be no services. McDonald Funeral Homes

231 Falls Ave. Wabash, Indiana have been entrusted to Colleen’s arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com)

# Jeffrey Epstein’s New Mexico ranch listed for \$27.5 million

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A sprawling New Mexico ranch belonging to deceased financier and convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein is on the market for \$27.5 million.

The 12-square-mile Zorro Ranch was put up for sale by Epstein’s estate and includes a 26,700-square-foot mansion and a private airstrip with a hangar and helipad, according to the listing by Neil Lyon Group at Sotheby’s International Realty Santa Fe.

Epstein killed himself in jail in 2019 at age 66 while awaiting trial on charges of sex trafficking girls in New York and Florida.

The listing was reported Thursday by the Wall Street Journal, which said proceeds from the sale would go toward compensating those

who filed claims against Epstein and paying taxes and creditors.

Epstein purchased the property in southern Santa Fe County in 1993. Besides the mansion, the ranch includes several other residences, including an off-the-grid cabin, the Santa Fe New Mexican reported.

Local real estate professionals have said the highly publicized accusations against Epstein probably won’t have much effect on what the ranch and its massive mansion ultimately fetch on the market, the New Mexican reported.

“I think they priced it right,” James Congdon of Santa Fe Properties said of the Epstein property. “I think it’s appropriate. It could sell tomorrow, or it could take four or five years.”

## SOLAR

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commercial solar energy systems or Sept. 30, whichever comes first.

In a previous interview, Howard said individuals or businesses which seek to use wind and solar power “on their properties, certainly wouldn’t be an issue.”

Howard said large-scale operations were another matter, however.

“We’re not in favor as a board of an industrial wind farm, per se, in the county,” said Howard. “I don’t want to ever say it couldn’t be in Wabash County, but it would be really difficult ... just because we don’t think that’s what we want.”

Howard said they were interested in keeping farmland usable for the same purpose for years to come.

“On a solar unit you’re wanting a pretty wide, pretty big flat area and a lot of times and a lot of times that’s in high-productive farm ground,” said Howard. “We want to keep that as cropland.”

With the average life cycle of a wind turbine somewhere between 20 and 25 years, and between 25 and 30 years for solar arrays, the question of who maintains and replaces the equipment remains.

“If the unit becomes obsolete and things like that, (it would be) getting it torn down and getting it put back,” said Howard. “We can write anything we want in an ordinance but to 20 years down the road find the person to do that is pretty hard to do.”

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## HEROES

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My hair is about one-quarter inch now and growing fast. I am now in the Gilbert Islands.”

He had completed 35 missions and also has the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters. He has been in service since February 1942 and is a gunner and aerial engineer on a B-25.

“We came down with the plane, didn’t parachute out, and made a nice smooth landing, thanks to the pilot. I sure hated to lose that ship (Plane),” wrote Freeman. “She was the best one we ever had. We were on the life raft about seven hours. We were quite a way from our home base and too close to enemy territory for comfort. Scared by a lot of sharks. It was quite an experience. We practice for such things so every man knows just what to do when the time comes. ‘Course the Lord steps in and takes a hand when it gets pretty rough and I know He was with us that day, I got the Distinguished Flying Cross – pretty proud of that.”

## Technical Sergeant Ray Hoover

In 1944, the North Manchester News-Journal reported:

Technical Sergeant Ray Hoover arrived home on Sept. 11, 1944, the first local soldier who participated in the D-Day invasion to return here. He looks fine but displays a bit of nervousness, to which he is fully entitled after participating in 34 missions as the upper turret gunner on a bomber. He has three stars on his service ribbons, representing the Italian campaign, Air Offensive Europe and the French Invasion.

Hoover left for overseas 11 months ago. He was based in Tunis and participated in 12 bombing missions over Sicily and Italy, including Cassino and the Anzio Beachhead. His squadron was then transferred to England and flew twenty-two missions over Europe. He says that the industrial centers and other military objectives simply do not exist anymore in Berlin.

On D-Day, his squadron was in the air before dawn to bomb objectives along the Normandy coast before

daylight revealed the approach of the Allied invasion forces. They operated on a close schedule as the bombing had to be completed before the landing of the Allied forces so that no bombs would be dropped on them.

“I remember seeing all those boats down there in the English Channel – we all felt then that the end was in sight for Hitler.”

The enemy planes were so thick that the Allied gunners didn’t actually try to hit them but just fired as much lead as they could, hoping to hit some. The anti-aircraft fire would get closer as the German radar locked onto the planes. Their radio operator had brought some tin foil, which they dropped to mess up the radar.

Hoover cannot verify that as upper turret gunner he actually shot down any attacking German planes. He knew he had hit some but could not see if they went down. He has seen flak so thick that it was a miracle his plane pulled through. He carries a nasty-looking piece of flak, a piece of the nose of a shell which he picked up inside his plane. On one occasion he left the top turret to help elsewhere; when he returned he discovered a large hole in his plexiglass covering where a shell had gone through and would have hit his head.

“You were scared, but not when the action was on. You’re too busy I think, to know what is really going on. But once it’s all over, you do get a little shaky,” said Hoover.

## Robert ‘Bob’ Kreider

Robert “Bob” Kreider was born Aug. 26, 1924, on a farm near Liberty Mills. He graduated from Chester High school in 1942. After graduation, he worked in the Peabody Factory. When his draft notice arrived in 1943, he was assigned to the Army Air Corps.

He was sent to Keesler Air Base in Biloxi, Mississippi, then to Randolph Field in San Antonio, Texas and on to Garden City, Kansas. He learned to fly many planes, from PT-19s and PT-13s. In Pampa, Texas he piloted bigger planes, B-25 bombers. He also learned to pilot gliders and tow them with C46s and C47s. He practiced flying in formation and at night and didn’t like either. In January

1943 he flew to Hawaii then to New Guinea in a B-24 bomber. The flight over the ocean was 13 hours.

Once in New Guinea, Kreider flew wounded fighters to Australia over the Owen Stanley Mountains which were 13,000 feet high. On these trips, a nurse accompanied the wounded. He also dropped ammunition to the fighting forces. Both of these flights were done at low altitudes and were very dangerous. If the wounded had head wounds, they could not go very high because of the air pressure. And dropping ammunition they had to fly low enough to put it in the proper place. They were fortunate not to have been hit except once by rifle fire. While in New Guinea, he met Wayne Collett on Biak Island.

Besides New Guinea, Kreider also flew in the Philippines, Okinawa and Japan.

In the Philippines, pilots landed on airstrips only 2,500 feet long cut out of the jungle. If they had to stay overnight they slept under the wings of the planes; it was very hot and the mosquitoes were terrible.

Among his 100 flights was one over Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Kreider said the atomic bombs were terrible but firebombs were almost as bad as buildings were made of bamboo and burned quickly with everything in and around them.

One thing they enjoyed in the Pacific was the pineapple. They would go into a pineapple field, pull one, cut the top off and eat it. Delicious.

When the Japanese surrendered after the atomic bombs were dropped, Kreider transported Japanese Americans to Tokyo to act as interpreters for the peace talks.

Kreider returned to San Francisco on a ship, taking 13 days. It was great to see the Golden Gate Bridge. He was discharged as a first lieutenant.

He married Bonnie Ulrey in 1944 and they had two daughters. He took the postal service exam and had a walking route in North Manchester for 15 years, then a rural route for 23 years. After retiring from the postal service, he delivered cars for Shepherd’s Chevrolet. He now lives in the Peabody Home.

## Verna Ulrey Kitson

Verna Ulrey was the daughter of Mary Jane and Stephen

Tridle Ulrey. She was born and attended a one-room school south of North Manchester. After graduating from Manchester High School, she attended the University of Michigan and became a professional nurse in 1910. For a time she worked in Detroit, then became Supervisor of Nurses at Deaconess Hospital in Indianapolis, but when the call came for nurses in World War I, she enlisted. Verna was sent to Army Base No. 1 in New York, where she drilled and took French classes. There were approximately 400 nurses there. On Oct. 28, 1917, they embarked from Hoboken, New Jersey to Halifax, England.

The nurses crossed the channel and anchored at Havre, France on November 13th. On Nov. 16th there was a zeppelin attack, shooting started and lights went out. They boarded a train for Vitte, a 36-hour ride, and were given two cans of corned beef and four boxes of crackers as rations for 24 hours. She was assigned duty at the Palace, Base Camp 36. The five summer resort hotels nearby were close to the German front and were transformed into makeshift hospitals, even though they had no heating plant.

She described some of the conditions: quarters were cramped and toilet facilities consisted of a corned beef can and a hot water bottle of cold water. Candles were the only light, there was no heat, so they were cold all the time. She developed a bad cold and was in the hospital herself for eight days. In late January the American soldiers were moved out and the French brought in. Her diary – from which much of this was taken – ended on March 8, 1918, when she said the guns had never been so loud.

After the war, she went to Wyoming and homesteaded. She rented her land to cattlemen, returned to North Manchester and became a nurse for Dr. Frank Kitson. After his wife died in 1927 he married Verna.

During World War II she served once more, as a nurse in an army hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. She died in 1969 at the Warren Methodist Home.

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## COVID

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are more easily spread. Variants may also become more resistant to treatments or vaccines,” stated the ISDH.

During a televised press conference on May 12, state health commissioner Dr. Kristina Box said they had started noticed a precipitous rise of these variants in the state, which had increased significantly in the previous two weeks. At that time, Box said 41.7 percent of recent samples had tested positive for variants. Box said there had been 1,884 total recorded variant cases in the state. The B.1.1.1 variant from the United Kingdom was by far the most prevalent at 1,499 cases, which the B.1.427 and B.1.429 variant from California had shown up in 250 cases, the P.1 variant from Brazil had shown up in 120 cases and the B.1.351 variant from South Africa had shown up in 15 cases.

Since that time, these variants have been given names of Greek letters.

“Some of the spreading variants are concerning because they can be spread much more easily than other strains and can cause more severe infection. These are called variants of concern and include B.1.1.7 (Alpha), B.1.351 (Beta), P.1 (Gamma), B.1.427 and 1.429 (Epsilon), and B.1.617.2 (Delta). Public health officials track these variants to see if they are causing more disease, hospitalizations and deaths and to make sure that treatments and vaccines still work,” stated the ISDH.

As of Friday, the ISDH reported that 61.5 percent of COVID-19 cases had tested positive for one of these

variants, with a total of 5,004 variant cases including Alpha (B.1.1.7) with 3,847 cases, Gamma (P.1) with 516 cases, Epsilon (B.1.427 and B.1.429) with 416 cases, Delta (B.1.617.2) with 196 cases and Beta (B.1.351) with 29 cases.

“Variant surveillance gives public health officials information about which variants are spreading in a community,” stated the ISDH. Not all samples need to be tested to get a good picture of which variants are present and how they are changing over time, and this saves resources. The ISDH works in partnership with other laboratories in Indiana to test a subset of positive samples from different areas of the state. Samples from people who are newly hospitalized or are thought to have a second COVID-19 infection or infection after being vaccinated are also tested for variants.”

Results of variant testing do not make a difference in COVID-19 treatment or isolation precautions, so results of sequencing for variant surveillance are not reported to individual health care providers and patients, stated the ISDH.

“These results are reported to local health officials so they know what is circulating in their communities. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also tracks variant mutations and results from variant testing to inform state and local public health officials on how treatments and vaccines may be affected,” stated the ISDH. “Sequencing results on specimens submitted specifically for sequencing, such as suspect breakthrough cases, suspect re-infection case, and outbreak cases, will be released to submitters.”

The rise of these variants makes vaccinations even more important.

“If the variant is different enough from the vaccine, the vaccine may not give good immunity to that variant. Currently available vaccines are effective against the variants of concern that have been detected in Indiana. As more people get vaccinated and become immune, communities will have more protection against variants. The virus cannot multiply or mutate in immune people, so variants will not emerge or spread. Vaccination prevents mutation, so get vaccinated as soon as you can,” stated the ISDH.

On Friday, the ISDH announced that 302 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 754,724 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s dashboard.

To date, 13,439 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of eight from the previous day. Another 424 probable deaths have been reported to date based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

A total of 3,587,191 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 3,584,675 on Thursday. A total of 10,880,064 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26, 2020.

To find testing sites around the state, visit [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov) and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

Hoosiers age 12 and older can receive a COVID-19

vaccine; individuals younger than age 18 are eligible for the Pfizer vaccine only. To find a vaccination clinic near you, visit <https://ourshot.in.gov> or call 211 if you do not have access to a computer or require assistance. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are accepted at most sites.

Mobile vaccination clinics are planned from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Penticostal Temple Church of God and Christ, 2722 Wabash St., Michigan City; and Second Missionary Baptist Church, 819 N. Apperson Way, Kokomo.

Patients with an appointment at a state-hosted public vaccination site can get a free Uber or Lyft ride. Call 2-1-1 or 866-211-9966 to receive a voucher to cover the cost of an Uber ride to and from your vaccination appointments. IU Health offers free Lyft rides to any vaccine site in the state. Call 888-IUHEALTH (888-484-3258) and choose option 9 if you need transportation to your vaccine appointment.

As of Friday, a total of 5,638,812 doses have been administered in Indiana. This includes 2,810,626 first doses and 2,828,186 individuals who are fully vaccinated. The fully vaccinated number represents individuals who have received a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and those who received the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

In observance of Independence Day, the dashboard will not update and an advisory will not be issued on Monday, July 5. Normal updates will resume on Tuesday, July 6.

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# Opinion

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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

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In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to every-

1 Thessalonians 5:15

# End of COVID-19 restrictions puts us closer to normal

After more than a year of pain, grief and economic devastation, Wednesday marks a milestone in Washington's road to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of the state's restrictions intended to curb the virus are lifted.

A "Washington Ready" flag won't wave above the Space Needle until Thursday, when Gov. Jay Inslee is expected to visit Seattle as part of a celebratory tour, but all of us have long been ready – or at least yearning – for a return to normalcy.

Make no mistake, the pandemic is not over yet. Our guard must remain up and our optimism should be cautious, but there is reason to celebrate. Especially now that more of us can safely do so together.

While businesses can continue to set their own standards, including on mask use and vaccination requirements to provide service, an end to restrictions means places such as restaurants, bars, churches and movie theaters can fully reopen.

This is thanks to the state's high vaccination rate. A little more than 68 percent of the statewide 16-and-up population has gotten at least one dose, and the latest seven-day average of new COVID-19 cases in the state is down to 447, less than half of what it was only a month ago.

Meanwhile, findings on the effectiveness of vaccines continue to fuel confidence. A recent study found that protection from mRNA vaccines – such as those produced by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna – may last for years without a booster.

The one caveat to that report was the development of variants. The delta variant, which was first identified in India and is known to spread more easily, is quickly becoming more prevalent in the U.S. and may lead to more infections, especially among the unvaccinated.

As long as the novel coronavirus keeps spreading, it will have a chance to mutate and create versions that may be more transmissible, deadlier and more likely to bypass

current vaccines. This makes the need for everyone who can be vaccinated to promptly get the shot.

So far, efforts such as the COVID lottery or the Joints for Jabs program have been duds in persuading recalcitrant holdouts. Perhaps the state can look to Greece, which recently announced it will pay young people 150 euros (about \$180) for their first jab.

Wisely, not all state restrictions are going away just yet. Washingtonians who are not vaccinated must keep wearing a mask in public indoors and everyone must cover up at schools, health care facilities and when using public transportation.

We must be vigilant until the virus is fully under control, but we have earned a respite. The vaccinated among us can now enjoy a flirtatious smile at a bar, the comforting din of a packed restaurant or the shared laughter of a full movie theater.

Welcome back to normal-ish. *This editorial was first published in The Seattle Times.*



# Celebrating the most American of freedoms

By KEN PAULSON

The 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence knew what they were getting into. As we celebrate Independence Day 245 years later with flags and fireworks, it's easy to forget that these patriots risked death to give a new nation life.

If you've never read the Declaration of Independence in its entirety, this is a good time to do that. More than two centuries later, it's still a good read. These rebels, who would be accused of treason by Great Britain, wrote the document in a reasoned manner, attempting to convey to the world that their cause was a just one.

At its most basic, it's a demand for a divorce, with one party explaining why this marriage can't be saved. What's fascinating, though, is how the list of complaints about the king of England not only cited justification for the break-up but also telegraphed the principles the new nation would insist upon in establishing its governance.

The entire document was a bold statement, speaking truth to power. As it established its future, this new nation would have to find a way to guarantee free speech, particularly concerning criticizing the government.

The Declaration of Independence lists more than two dozen

examples of why the king "was unfit to be the ruler of a free people." The new United States of America would need to create a check on those who abused their power. That would come from a free press.

Much of the Declaration is devoted to examples of the king ignoring the colonies' needs and maintaining a stranglehold on new legislation to address those needs. The United States would have to guarantee petition and assembly.

Memorably, the Declaration states that all men are endowed by their "Creator" with certain "unalienable rights." This was an acknowledgment of a Higher Power without a specific reference to any religion. This new nation would go on to guarantee freedom of faith.

Freedom of speech, press, and religion. The rights of petition and assembly. Today, we see all five nestled together in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. It took a war for independence and 17 years, but those aspirations became the cornerstone for a young and vibrant country.

Fast forward to the 21st century. A new survey of citizens around the globe by legal public-policy center Justitia has assessed how citizens in 33 countries feel about freedom of speech. It found that most citizens in most countries feel free speech is important and

positive, but they waver when presented with scenarios in which free speech offends others or hampers society.

In order, Norway, Denmark, the U.S., and Sweden top the list: Citizens of these nations say they are steadfast in their support of free speech. At the bottom of the list: Tunisia, Kenya, Egypt, and Pakistan.

In a telling passage, Justitia quotes free-speech expert and Columbia University President Lee Bollinger as saying the U.S. is "the most speech-protective of any nation on earth, now or throughout history." The report also notes that a 2015 Pew research study determined that no nation in the world was more supportive of free speech and a free press than the U.S.

At our best – and not without lapses – we walk that talk.

In 1776, our founders published a Declaration of Independence, but also a declaration of intent. Those early Americans sought "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" by creating a nation founded on freedom. But those freedoms must never be taken for granted, and our collective vigilance is essential.

On the most American of holidays, let's be sure to celebrate the most American of freedoms.

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## HISTORY

Today is Saturday, July 3, the 184th day of 2021. There are 181 days left in the year.

**History left in the year:**  
On July 3, 1775, Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**On this date:**  
In 1863, the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania ended in a major victory for the North as Confederate troops

failed to breach Union positions during an assault known as Pickett's Charge.

In 1913, during a 50th anniversary reunion at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Civil War veterans re-enacted Pickett's Charge, which ended with embraces and handshakes between the former enemies.

In 1944, during World War II, Soviet forces recaptured Minsk from the Germans.

In 1950, the first carrier strikes of the Korean War took place as the USS Valley Forge and the HMS Triumph sent fighter planes against North Korean targets.

**Today's Birthdays:** Playwright Tom Stoppard is 84. Writer-producer Jay Tarses is 82. Actor Michael Cole (TV: "The Mod Squad") is 81. Attorney Gloria Allred is 80. Folk singer Judith Durham (The Seekers) is 78. Actor Kurtwood Smith is 78.

# American patriotism should start with fair tax laws

By MORRIS PEARL

Frederick Douglass addressed students and fellow abolitionists at Rochester's Corinthian Hall on July 5, 1852, where he stated, "Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is an organized conspiracy to oppress, rob and degrade them, neither persons nor property will be safe."

This weekend, as we celebrate our country's 245th year of independence, our collective patriotism as a nation, and our appreciation for the rights afforded to us in this country; Douglass' words could not hold more truth. For years Americans have exercised their Patriotism by advocating for the lives of oppressed people by protesting economic, racial and societal injustices that stem from a financial and political system that has oppressed, degraded, and robbed Black and brown people, while systematically benefiting white wealthy people like me.

Let's take a look at the substantial racial wealth gap, for example, which paints a stark picture of the continued oppression that has held back huge swathes of the American people. Over the last fifty years, the racial wealth gap has barely budged. In 2016, the net worth of the average white family in the U.S. was \$171,000 a staggering ten times higher than the average Black family which was only \$17,150. These disparities are getting bigger because of the inequities found within our tax code.

Our laws have historically given white families significant advantages over Black families. Even since the laws have been changed to be race-neutral on paper, the effects of past discrimination persist to this day. For example, Black families in many cases have been denied access to building wealth because they could not get Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loans, GI bill benefits, and other banking and business programs aimed at building middle-class wealth. Black families have been shut out of opportunities to acquire, build, and maintain generational wealth, putting them at a huge disadvantage by a tax code that favors wealth over work.

Even in instances where high and middle-income white families make the same as Black families, the white families are typically significantly wealthier due to larger inheritances of family wealth acquired through government programs that have been historically denied to Black families. Intergenerational transfers account for a large portion of the racial wealth gap.

Loopholes like the stepped-up basis preserve racial wealth inequality by allowing inheritors of large fortunes or assets to avoid paying taxes on their assets or inheritance. While folks who earn a paycheck (many Black and POC families) end up paying a higher tax rate than wealthy heirs. There is a major systemic issue here. How are Black families ever supposed to catch up when the money they earn is taxed more harshly than already accumulated wealth?

We can't just focus on eliminating unfair policies that currently exist, that's part of how we reached our current crisis point. Instead, we should also invest in innovative policy solutions that seek to actively narrow the racial wealth gap. Proposals like the baby bonds program, introduced by Senator Cory Booker which would have the federal government open a \$1,000 savings account for every American child at birth with additional deposits of up to \$2,000 a year until a child is 18, would be a start. Imagine how that money could be used. Americans could use the money to pay for college, put a downpayment on a home, or invest it as they see fit.

If our country wants to live up to the values it was founded upon and correct the injustices that Douglass spoke about hundreds of years ago, we must prioritize bold, ambitious changes to a tax code that has long been rigged against Black and working families. The United States took an active role in creating the racial wealth gap and it must take an active role in reducing it. It is the most patriotic thing we can do.

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## LETTER

### Be considerate with fireworks

With Independence Day nearing, Phantom Fireworks encourages its friends and customers to be considerate of their neighbors when using fireworks.

We often get too caught up in the excitement and entertainment of fireworks lighting up the sky that we forget the noise and lights may hurt some people and animals.

Phantom Fireworks asks you to be courteous to your neighbors. Communicate with them. Notify your neighbors before shooting fireworks to allow them to prepare themselves and enjoy your show.

Phantom also asks that you respect your neighbor's property. Keep your launch site open and away from your neighbor's property to prevent the accumulation of fireworks remains in their area. When the show is over clean up your fireworks debris, particularly what ends up on your neighbor's property or in the street.

Firework safety is crucial. Always have a ready source of water close by in case of emergencies. Maintain plenty of distance between the launch site and spectators and inhabited buildings. It is very important to honor a curfew. Generally, professional shows end by 11 p.m. Please respect your neighbors by ending at a reasonable time.

Phantom reminds you to follow the law and apply common sense. Read the firework safety tips provided by Phantom to understand the performance and hazards associated with the item. Phantom wants you to be safe, have fun and enjoy your Independence Day.

**Bill Weimer**  
Vice president, Phantom Fireworks Companies  
Youngstown, Ohio



# LIFESTYLES



Photo by Lynda Balslev for Tastefood

## Alice’s ratatouille

Summer promises a bounty of sun-kissed vegetables – a cornucopia of tomatoes, peppers, squash and eggplant that beg to be put to use. This is not a problem. The trick is to lean in and rely upon recipes that embrace and celebrate the abundance of produce. One tried-and-true dish that does

**Lynda Balslev**



so is ratatouille. Ratatouille is the southern French staple that handily combines all of the garden’s goodies layered in a terrine or simmered in a chunky, aromatic stew. In the past, I never followed a recipe for ratatouille – I simply winged it and gathered whatever provencal vegetables were on hand, then sauteed and simmered them together in a tomato-streaked stew. The results were usually thick and warm with a saucy compote consistency. Lately, however, I have taken a fresher, recipe-driven route, thanks to the chef Alice Waters.

In her ratatouille recipe, Waters cooks each vegetable individually as she slowly combines them into the stew. Her method showcases each vegetable and purposely keeps them intact, lightly bound together by the juice of fresh tomatoes. The spices are subtle, and the stew is infused with fresh

basil, tied together in a simple bouquet garni (fresh herb sprigs tied with kitchen string), which is easily fetched and removed from the pot at the end of cooking. The result is a bright and fresh ratatouille, neither muddled nor overly sauced, and a perfectly light, summery complement to any meal.

I’ve tinkered just a little with the recipe, including thyme sprigs in the bouquet garni and finishing the ratatouille with a splash of fruity balsamic vinegar and plenty of black pepper for kick. This dish is best eaten within a day to preserve its fresh flavors. Try to keep the vegetables as uniform in size as possible when slicing and dicing.

- Ratatouille**  
**Active time: 40 minutes**  
**Total time: 1 hour**  
**Yield: Serves 6 as a side dish**
- 1 globe eggplant, about 1 1/2 pounds, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
  - Kosher salt
  - Extra-virgin olive oil
  - 1 large yellow onion, diced
  - 2 red bell peppers, seeded, diced
  - 2 narrow zucchini or yellow squash, halved lengthwise, cut into 1/2-inch thick moons
  - 4 garlic cloves, chopped
  - 1/4 teaspoon dried chile flakes
  - 4 medium vine-ripened tomatoes, diced
  - 4 sprigs fresh basil and 2 sprigs fresh thyme, tied together with kitchen string

- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

**Fresh basil leaves, torn, for garnish**

Place the eggplant in a colander. Generously season with salt and toss to coat. Place the colander in a bowl or in your sink and let stand for 30 minutes. Blot the eggplant dry with paper towels.

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the eggplant and cook until soft and tinged golden, about 8 minutes. If the pot dries out too quickly, add more oil as needed. Transfer the eggplant to a bowl.

Add 2 more tablespoons oil to the pot. Add the onion and cook over medium heat until soft, 4 to 5 minutes. Add the peppers and continue to cook until the peppers are crisp-tender, about 3 minutes. Add the squash and cook until bright and crisp-tender, about 3 to 4 minutes more. Stir in the garlic and red pepper flakes and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add the tomatoes and the bouquet garni and cook for about 5 minutes, stirring frequently.

Stir in the eggplant and continue to cook until all of the vegetables are soft, 10 to 12 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove and discard the bouquet garni. Add the balsamic vinegar, 1 teaspoon salt (or to taste) and black pepper, and taste for seasoning.

Serve warm or at room temperature garnished with basil.

## Chicago woman completes a 40-day hunger strike for slavery reparations

**By NARA SCHOENBERG**  
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

CHICAGO — After 40 days without solid food, Rachelle Zola ended her hunger strike for slavery reparations with a few small bites of yogurt Saturday.

Zola, 73, of Chicago, said she lost 23 pounds and felt weak during her last two days of drinking only water, Pedialyte and bone broth.

But she pronounced the experience an unqualified success, citing dozens of productive conversations with ordinary people, as well as TV, radio and print newspaper coverage of her fast for H.R. 40, a U.S. House bill that would establish a federal commission to hold hearings on slavery and discrimination and recommend remedies.

“My voice is only getting stronger,” Zola said Monday.

Zola, who is white, came to Chicago from Tucson in 2019 to meet Black and brown people and hear their stories, and embarked on the fast as a result of multiple conversations, meetings and workshops.

She hoped to attract the attention of other white people, and spur the adoption of H.R. 40, a version of a reparations bill that was first introduced in Congress more than 30 years ago.

She said the best part of her hunger strike was talking to strangers on the street. She set up a table out-



Brian Cassella / Chicago Tribune / TNS

**Rachelle Zola during her hunger strike on June 14, outside Cosmopolitan United Church in Melrose Park. Zola began the 40-day all-liquid hunger strike to support H.R. 40, a House bill that would set up a commission to study reparations.**

side Cosmopolitan United Church in Melrose Park, and sat there for hours a day. With hand-lettered signs, she waved to people who honked and chatted with anyone who pulled into the church parking lot to hear more.

She said she talked to about 60 people.

“Most of them were like, ‘OK, I can contact my representative,’ ” she said. “I really didn’t get much pushback.”

Some white people did want to talk about what they thought was

going wrong in Black communities, she said.

But when she listened and followed up with, “Are you willing to have a conversation (about reparations)?” The answer was yes.

One day a man who was lost asked for help finding his way back to a halfway house. She gave him water and granola bars, spent more than an hour talking with him, and was able to find out where he was supposed to be. There was also a teen interested in social justice who stopped by at his mom’s suggestion.

Citing Monday’s U.N. report calling for reparations for anti-Black discrimination worldwide, Zola said her hunger strike was well-timed. Her next step will be to reach out to leaders of local churches and other houses of worship to try to build support for reparations.

She hopes to eventually get invitations to speak at fundamentalist churches in the South.

Zola said she’s tired after her hunger strike, but all her vital signs are good and she’s starting to exercise again.

As for H.R. 40, which has yet to reach the House floor, she said she believes the chances for passage by the end of 2022 are good.

“Am I optimistic? Yeah, I have to come from that place. I do have to trust that,” she said.

## The IRS is a hot mess: Millions of tax returns and corrections haven’t been processed, including mine

I want to apologize to every person I’ve encouraged to be patient with the Internal Revenue Service as it stumbles through the aftereffects of the pandemic. Your righteous indignation is warranted.

The IRS is critically malfunctioning.

I didn’t fully grasp, until a recent report from the national

**Michelle Singletary**



taxpayer advocate, that the IRS has officially given up on answering every taxpayer telephone call for assistance – and that has to be fixed.

The agency is a hot mess. You are right to be mad

as hell when you can’t reach somebody to help explain why your filing or refund hasn’t been processed. And, yes, I cussed, because the time to be polite and forgiving for the failures at the IRS is so over.

Right now, millions of taxpayers are waiting for their much-needed refunds and stimulus payments. Millions more are trying to settle issues with past tax returns and unable get a human being on the telephone, while interest costs potentially tick up each day things go unresolved.

I’m one in the millions fighting to be heard. But more on that later.

A historically high number of returns needed manual processing this year, slowing the issuance of refunds, Erin Collins, the national taxpayer advocate, wrote in the report. At the end of this year’s filing season, the IRS faced a backlog of more than 35 million individual and business returns.

In its response, the IRS essentially said things aren’t really that bad.

“The numbers provided by the National Taxpayer Advocate do not reflect the current situation at the IRS,” the agency said in a statement.

The IRS said that the 35 million number includes “15.2 million individual and business tax returns that are already in some stage of the normal processing stream and not part of the backlog.” An additional 17.5 million are individual returns that may or may not result in a refund, the IRS said.

IRS employees have worked hard during unprecedented circumstances brought on by the pandemic. Yet, COVID can’t be blamed for all the delays at the agency, which was having issues with taxpayer customer service long before the pandemic.

As Collins wrote, “Not everyone can afford to be patient.”

During the 2021 filing season, the IRS received 167 million telephone calls – over four times the number during the 2019 filing season, Collins wrote. At one point, the IRS received calls at the rate of about 1,500 per second.

“IRS employees could not keep pace with this massive volume of calls, resulting in the poorest service ever,” she said.

On the 1040 line, the most frequently called toll-free IRS number, only 3 percent of 85 million calls from taxpayers reached a phone assister.

“Our ability to answer phone calls reflects the amount of staffing available,” the IRS said in its defense. “Pending budget proposals would help the agency’s ability to assist more taxpayers, including on the phones.”

On this issue, the IRS is right. It isn’t given enough money to help taxpayers. Congress funded the IRS this year to provide a 60 percent level of service.

Think about that for a second, because that’s all it takes to see the callousness of this choice by Congress.

That level of funding for telephone assisters means that even in a normal year, the IRS would answer 6 out of every 10 calls routed to them, Collins pointed out.

“I don’t think that’s acceptable,” Collins said in an interview. “It should be a lot closer to 100 percent.”

For fiscal 2022, the agency is asking for a total program increase of \$915.5 million, in-

cluding \$318 million to increase taxpayer assistance, IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig said in prepared testimony for a Senate Finance Committee hearing on the agency’s budget last month. Even that would fund only a projected level of phone service of 75 percent.

This brings me to my personal tax saga.

My husband and I received a notice from the IRS in November indicating that we owed an additional \$11,786 in income taxes for the 2018 tax year. We did not – not even close.

Admittedly, we had overlooked reporting reinvested dividends from an index fund we own. Fair enough. Our mistake.

But in the process of pointing out that error, the IRS claimed other income wasn’t reported, which was incorrect. We hired a tax professional to help us go through the 11-page notice. We faxed and, as a backup, sent our response through the mail. We calculated what we owed and sent the money right away.

We received another notice on June 21. The IRS removed some of the incorrect items, but not all. Now the agency said we owed \$7,028.

One glaring mistake repeated in the latest notice involved 529 college-plan funds we used to cover tuition, room and board for our three children. Somebody in some IRS office is clueless about what is and isn’t a qualified education expense under the 529 rules. Can’t they search for the information at irs.gov like the agency repeatedly tells taxpayers to do?

“It is very frustrating to hear everyone talk about enforcement, enforcement, enforcement when the IRS is not picking up the phone to talk with people who need to resolve issues, especially when the issues are created by the IRS itself,” said Nina Olson, executive director of the Center for Taxpayer Rights. Olson served as the independent national taxpayer advocate for 18 years.

“The IRS continually underestimates the need people have to call it,” Olson said. “Every year, it calculates the level of service it is willing to staff and then puts that in the budget request. It no longer even tries to make the case for answering 80 percent of the calls.”

Poor taxpayer service will only further erode trust in the IRS, she said.

“When the level of service gets so poor and correspondence and problems aren’t being addressed, it just gets cyclical,” Olson said. “You call and then you are cut off after you are on hold. Then you write a letter explaining the situation, but no one answers it. And on it goes until sometimes taxpayers just give up and pay a bill that they really don’t owe, just because they are afraid of what might happen to them.”

I’m angry not for just myself but for the many people who are frustrated trying to get help from the IRS. It might take a 15-minute call to resolve my issue – if I could get somebody on the phone. But many attempts end in being routed electronically through a maze of prompts that leave me wanting to smash my phone.

Then I feel a glimmer of hope when a robotic female voice says, “Please hold while your call is transferred.”

Until I hear this: “We are sorry, but due to extremely high call volume in the topic you requested, we are unable to handle your call at this time. Please try again later or on our next business day. Thank you.”

This computerized ending is so hollow, it makes me holler. I’d be thankful if the IRS would just answer the damn phone.

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VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

**Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**

Online services are available by visiting [www.bachelorcreek.com](http://www.bachelorcreek.com).

**Christ United Methodist Church**

On Sunday, July 4 worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Richards' scripture reading will be 2 Timothy 3:16-17 with a sermon reflection titled, "Inspiration." Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/](http://www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/).

**Christian Heritage Church**

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

**College Corner Brethren Church**

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

**Common Ground Prayer House**

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

**Dora Christian Church**

For the Sunday, July 4 services at Dora Christian Church in Lagro the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and

the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person Sunday services at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The message for both services will be, "In It to Win It" from Ephesians 6:10-13. Being Independence Day, come patriotic, wearing the red, white and blue of America. The Communion Table will be served by Chuck Marion and Brad Freiden. Children's church for the 10:30 service will be led by Randall and Linda Good.

**LaFontaine Christian Church**

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at [www.lafontainechristian.com](http://www.lafontainechristian.com) under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

**LaFontaine United Methodist Church**

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church>. In-person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

**Lincolnvile United Methodist Church**

Lincolnvile United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. The church will have vacation bible school from 6 to 8 p.m. from Sunday, July 11 through Friday, July 16. On Sunday, Aug. 1, there will be no Sunday school at 9 a.m., but there will be a worship service at 10 a.m. For more information, email [pastorjohn1954@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjohn1954@gmail.com) or call 260-563-1406.

**Living Faith Lutheran Church**

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit [www.livingfaithwabash.org](http://www.livingfaithwabash.org).

**Manchester Church of the Brethren**

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting [www.manchestercob.net](http://www.manchestercob.net). Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester CoB YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile.

**North Manchester Congregational Christian Church**

Pastor Sebrina Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

**North Manchester Missionary Church**

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed

by visiting [NMMC1.com](http://NMMC1.com).

**Olive Branch Church of God**

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting [www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch](http://www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch) or through the church website [www.olivebranch.church](http://www.olivebranch.church). Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

**Richvalley United Methodist Church**

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email [rvumc@hotmail.com](mailto:rvumc@hotmail.com).

**Southside Free Will Baptist**

Streaming on their Facebook page.

**Sweetwater Assembly of God**

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

**Urbana Yoke Parish**

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to [www.urbanayokeparish.com](http://www.urbanayokeparish.com). Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

**Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples

of Christ), 110 West Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website [wabashchristian.org](http://wabashchristian.org). Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

**Wabash Church of the Brethren**

At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended, but not required. There will be no Sunday school until fall. There is no children's church. Masks are recommended. On Sunday, July 4 it will be the Annual Conference Sunday with a live stream of Annual Conference final worship. On Sunday, July 11, the sermon will be from 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 and will be titled, "Foolishness and Wisdom: God's View." On Sunday, July 18, the sermon will be from 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 titled, "Idol Food?" On Sunday, July 25, Pastor Doug Veal will be off, with a guest speaker to be determined. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at [pastordoug@wabashcob.org](mailto:pastordoug@wabashcob.org).

**Wabash Church of the Nazarene**

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for "Wabash Nazarene" or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit [www.wabashnaz.com](http://www.wabashnaz.com), look for the home page,

and find "Latest Sermon."

**Wabash First Church of God**

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, July 4 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., the worship service we will be celebrating Independence Day with songs and readings. The sermon can also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard on Sunday at 11 a.m. on 105.9 FM. Sunday servants are Dorothy Carpenter, chairperson; Chris Sands, worship; Nancy Kolb, piano; and Rose Sands, organ.

**Walk by Faith Community Church**

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children's worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. On Sunday, July 4, Pastor Jody Tyner will be sharing the message with us. We invite all to come and worship with us for a special outdoor service at 9 a.m. with doughnuts, coffee, milk and juice. For more information, visit [www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com](http://www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com).

**Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash**

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/zionwabash](http://www.facebook.com/zionwabash) at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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Mental health toll from isolation affecting kids on reentry

By LINDSEY TANNER  
Associated Press

After two suicidal crises during pandemic isolation, 16-year-old Zach Sampson feels stronger but worries his social skills have gone stale.

Amara Bhatia has overcome her pandemic frustrations but the teen feels worn down, in a state of "neutrality." Virginia Shipp is adjusting but says returning to normal "is kind of unnatural for me."

After relentless months of social distancing, online schooling and other restrictions, many kids are feeling the pandemic's toll or facing new challenges navigating reentry.

A surge in teen suicide attempts and other mental health crises prompted Children's Hospital Colorado to declare a state of emergency in late May, when emergency department and hospital inpatient beds were overrun with suicidal kids and those struggling with other psychiatric problems. Typical emergency-department waiting times for psychiatric treatment doubled in May to about 20 hours, said Jason Williams, a pediatric psychologist at the hospital in Aurora.

Other children's hospitals are facing similar challenges.

In typical times, the activities that come as the school year ends — finals, prom, graduations, summer job-seeking — can be stressful even for the most resilient kids. But after more than a year of dealing with pandemic restrictions, many are worn down and simply don't "have enough in the tank of resilience" to handle stresses that previously would have been manageable, Williams said.

"When the pandemic first hit, we saw a rise in severe cases in crisis evaluation," as kids struggled with "their whole world shutting down," said Christine Certain, a mental health counselor who works with Orlando Health's Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children. "Now, as we see the world opening back up, ... it's asking these kids to make a huge shift again."

At some children's hospitals, psychiatric cases have remained high throughout the

pandemic; others have seen a more recent surge.

At Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida, behavioral unit admissions for kids in crisis aged 13 and younger have been soaring since 2020 and are on pace to reach 230 this year, more than four times higher than in 2019, said hospital psychologist Terrie Andrews. For older teens, admissions were up to five times higher than usual last year and remained elevated as of last month.

At Dayton Children's Hospital in Ohio, admissions to the mental health unit increased by 30 percent from July 2020 through May, totaling almost 1,300. The hospital doubled the number of available beds to 24 and dropped the minimum age for treatment to 9 years from 12 years, said Dr. John Duby, a hospital vice president.

"The overwhelming demand for pediatric mental health services is putting an unprecedented strain on pediatric facilities, primary care, schools and community-based organizations that support kids' well-being," said Amy Knight, president of the Children's Hospital Association.

Dr. Alison Tothy, medical director of the pediatric emergency department at the University of Chicago's Comer Children's Hospital, said her ER has seen kids in crisis daily since last year, struggling with suicidal thoughts, cutting and other self-harm behaviors, depression and aggressive outbursts. Kids are stabilized and referred elsewhere for treatment.

"Families are coming to us because we are, in some cases, the last resort. Outpatient resources are scarce," and parents say they can't get an appointment for two months, she said.

In Florida, waits for outpatient treatment are even longer and many therapists don't accept kids insured through Medicaid, Andrews said.

At Children's Hospital Colorado, emergency department visits for behavioral health problems were up 90 percent in April 2021 over April 2019 and remained high in May. Though the pace slowed in June, hospital authorities are concerned about another spike

when school resumes.

Williams said issues the hospital is treating are "across the board," from children with previous mental health issues that have worsened to those who never struggled before the pandemic.

Like many states, Colorado doesn't have enough child and teen mental health therapists to meet demand, an issue even before the pandemic, Williams said.

Children who need outpatient treatment are finding it takes six to nine months for an appointment. And many therapists don't accept health insurance, leaving struggling families with few options. Delays in treatment can lead to crises that land kids in the ER.

Those who improve after inpatient psychiatric care but aren't well enough to go home are being sent out of state because there aren't enough facilities in Colorado, Williams said.

Sampson says "just a lot of stuff" triggered his first crisis last August. The Jacksonville, Florida, teen struggled with online education and spent hours in his room alone playing video games and scrolling the internet, drawn to dark sites that "made my brain hurt."

He revealed his suicidal thoughts to a friend, who called the police. He spent a week in the hospital under psychiatric care.

Both his parents have worked in mental health jobs but had no idea how he was struggling.

"We had realized he had been spending more time isolating, not really tending to showering and that type of stuff, but we were in the middle of a pandemic. No one was really doing those things," said his mother, Jennifer Sampson.

The teen started virtual psychotherapy but in March his self-destructive thoughts resurfaced. Hospital psychiatric beds were full so he waited a week in a holding area to receive treatment, his mother recalled.

Now on mood stabilizers, he's continuing therapist visits, has finished sophomore year and is looking forward to returning to in-person school this fall.



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# Tally of missing in Florida condo collapse falls to 128 after audit

By **TERRY SPENCER**  
Associated Press

SURFSIDE, Fla. — The number of people missing in the Florida condominium collapse fell substantially Friday, from 145 to 128, after duplicate names were eliminated and some residents reported missing turned up safe, officials said.

Authorities also announced the recovery of two more bodies, including the 7-year-old

daughter of a Miami firefighter. That raised the confirmed death toll to 20 people.

Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava said the number of missing declined following an audit. In some cases, when detectives were able to contact people who had been reported as potentially missing, they found that not only were they safe, but other members of their families were safe, too. That pushed the list of people who

have been accounted for up to 188 and reduced the number of missing, she said.

“So this is very, very good news,” she said, adding that the numbers are expected to keep changing because detectives are continually reviewing the list and verifying reports.

Detectives have worked around the clock to contact relatives and others. In some cases, English and Hebrew names have been offered for the same missing relative,

officials have said.

The 7-year-old who perished in the collapse was “a member of our fire family,” Miami Mayor Francis Suarez said.

The discovery of the girl’s remains was especially hard on rescuers, Levine Cava said.

“It was truly different and more difficult for our first responders. These men and woman are paying an enormous human toll each and every day, and I ask that all of you please keep them in your

thoughts and prayers,” she said at a news conference.

No one has been rescued since the first hours after the June 24 collapse of the 12-story Champlain Towers South condominium.

During a meeting Friday with relatives of the missing, Miami-Dade Assistant Fire Chief Raide Jadallah said that only one voice has been heard during the entire search. A woman’s voice was detected until about 10 a.m.

or 11 a.m. on the morning of the collapse, which happened around 1:30 a.m. Rescuers were unable to reach her, and he said no other voices or human sounds have been heard since.

Jadallah also prepared the families members for a possible suspension of the search if Hurricane Elsa — now in the eastern Caribbean — brings strong winds to South Florida that would make the work too dangerous.

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to help defray costs. Seating is limited. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

### Imagine One 85 Growth Summit set for July 14

The Imagine One 85 Growth Summit will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 14 on the Honeywell Plaza and include food and entertainment highlighting the best of Wabash County. Attendance is free and registration is available by visiting [www.imagineone85.org](http://www.imagineone85.org).

### Salamonie Preschool offers ‘D is for Decomposition’

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool’s “D is for Decomposition.” Children ages 2 to 5 and their adults are welcome to attend the class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 14 at Salamonie Interpretive Center located in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. For more information, visit [facebook.com/upper-wabash](https://facebook.com/upper-wabash).

### Christmas in July planned at Mississinewa Lake

The public and campers are invited to join us for an assortment of activities at Mississinewa Lake’s Christmas in July from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 17 at 4673 S. 625 E. Peru. The Campsite Decorating Awards will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 18 at the Interpretive Shelter. Campsite reservations may be made by visiting [camp.IN.gov](http://camp.IN.gov) or calling 866-622-6746. Property entrance fees apply of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle. State Park annual entrance passes are available for purchase at the property gate.

### Second Harvest to hold a tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, July 28 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, July 14 at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit [www.curehunger.org](http://www.curehunger.org), [classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](http://classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

### Christmas in July planned at Salamonie Lake

The public and campers are invited to join us for an assortment of activities at Salamonie Lake’s Christmas in July from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24 at 9214 W. Lost Bridge West, Andrews. Awards will be announced at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 25 at the Interpretive Shelter. Campsite reservations may be made by visiting [camp.IN.gov](http://camp.IN.gov) or calling 866-622-6746. Property entrance fees apply of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle. State Park annual entrance passes are available for purchase at the property gate.

### Salamonie Lake workdays continue throughout summer

Salamonie Lake’s Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, will host volunteer workdays at 9 a.m. Monday, July 26; 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16; and 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. For more information, visit 260-468-2127.

### MSD Summer Food Program to provide free breakfasts, lunches

The MSD Summer Food Program will provide weekly meals free of charge for children ages 1 through 18 throughout the MSD area. Throughout the summer, families may pick up five day’s worth of breakfasts and lunches for each child in their household that meets the age criteria from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays through July 28 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North, and Southwood High School on the east side of the building, 564 Indiana 124.

### Summer at the Wabash County Museum continues

For preschool families with children ages 0 to 5, “Bear Den Days” will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 1:30 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday at 36 E. Market St. Sessions will begin with a weekly theme-based story and activity before moving into the Bear Den for an hour of playtime with friends. Registration is recommended due to limited capacity. Admission will be free to those who register in advance. Registration is available at [www.wabashmuseum.org/events](http://www.wabashmuseum.org/events). Through Friday, July 30, the Wabash County Museum will offer the “Museum Explorers” opportunity for young people who have just completed kindergarten through sixth grades. Youth can visit the Wabash County Museum from Tuesdays through Fridays all summer long to participate in a scavenger hunt where they will find clues in the Wabash County Museum’s various exhibits to win prizes. A different scavenger hunt may be completed each week for the chance to enter an end-of-summer drawing to win one of several large prizes. Accompanying adults will be subject to the standard admission price unless they have a current museum membership. For more information, visit [www.wabashmuseum.org](http://www.wabashmuseum.org).

### Beacon Credit Union kicks off its 10th Annual Project Spotlight voting

Beacon Credit Union’s Project Spotlight voting runs through Saturday, July 31. Everyone in the community is encouraged to vote for their favorite cause either online or in their local Beacon Member Center. The project that receives the most votes, in each community, will receive \$1,000 from Beacon Credit Union. The second-place winner will receive \$500, and there will be a third place in each community randomly picked to receive \$250. Visit <https://www.beaconcu.org/project-spotlight/> for more information.

### INDOT to begin maintenance work on Indiana 13 bridge over Mississinewa

INDOT announced bridge maintenance work would soon begin on Indiana 13 over the Mississinewa River.

Crews will be conducting the bridgework seven miles south of Wabash between Whites Drive and Howell Road. The work is expected to last until mid-August. During construction, Indiana 13 will be reduced to one lane. Traffic should be prepared to stop and obey the temporary traffic signal. There’s a width limit of 12 feet in the project zone.

### YMCA offers summer meals

The Wabash County YMCA announced their free breakfast and lunch program for children ages 18 and under will be from 8 to 9 a.m. for breakfast and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch Mondays through Fridays, through Friday, Aug. 6, at 500 S. Cass St. For more information, visit [www.wabashcountymca.org](http://www.wabashcountymca.org) or email [info@wabashcountymca.org](mailto:info@wabashcountymca.org).

### ‘Liking for Biking’ returns

Through Saturday, Aug. 28, anyone of any age or skill level who is interested in a free, family-friendly hour-long bike ride is invited to meet at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday at Paradise Spring Historical Park’s upper pavilion, 351 W. Market St. Helmets are required. The next health assessment will take place at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 inside of door 10 at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive, while the rest of the rides will start at Paradise Spring Historical Park with wheels rolling at 9 a.m. Masks are required inside Parkview Wabash Hospital for health assessments. For more information, [www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series](http://www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series) or call 260-563-7171.

### Dr. Ford Home announces ‘fun, family-friendly’ event lineup

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment welcomes guests of all ages to Dr. James Ford Historic Home, 177 W. Hill St., for a full schedule of fun, family-friendly events in 2021, including The American Front Porch at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14; Autumn Festival from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1; Trick or Treat at the Home during the city of Wabash’s trick-or-treat hours; and Wabash and Erie Canal history program with Jeff Koehler at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. For more information, visit [HoneywellArts.org/dr-ford-home](http://HoneywellArts.org/dr-ford-home).

### Manchester Civic Band plans live performances

Manchester Civic Band performances at Peabody Retirement Community have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 22 and Dec. 1. This year’s Timbercrest Retirement Community performances have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. They have tentatively scheduled performances for Saturday, Oct. 2 for a concert at Harvest Fest. In addition, performances have also been tentatively scheduled for the North Manchester Fun Fest parade and at Doud’s Orchard Open House in Denver, Indiana.

### Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market running every Saturday

The Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market continues its 2021 season from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through Saturday, Sept. 26 in the Hon-

eywell Center/Wabash Elks parking lot on the corner of Cass and Market St. Vendors are still being accepted for full-season, half-season and one-time rates. To become a vendor for the 2021 Market, visit [WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market](http://WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market) or call 260-563-0975. For more information about Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market, visit [WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market](http://WabashMarketplace.org/farmers-market).

### 8th annual Car and Bike Show Bike Ride for Riley Kids planned

The Clown Town Motorcycles and Sharp Shooters Express will present the 8th annual Car and Bike Show Bike Ride for Riley Kids on Saturday, Oct. 2 at the American Legion Post No. 248, 800 Washington St., Lagro. Car show registration will be \$15 per car and will begin at 11 a.m., with kickstands up and entertainment starting at noon. For more information, call 260-466-7655.

### Honeywell Ladies Golf Association season continues

The Tuesday Honeywell Ladies Golf Association (LGA) will begin their season with a 9 a.m. shotgun Tuesdays, according to Lana Garber. The yearly dues of \$15 will be taken then. New members are welcome. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. All Tuesday events are scrambles. Register in the clubhouse by noon Monday.

### Honeywell Pool to open on a limited basis

For the time being, the Mark C. Honeywell Pool will be open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays each week. For more information, visit [www.wabashcountymca.org](http://www.wabashcountymca.org).

### ‘Explore Salamonie’ hikes to be held monthly

Join Upper Wabash Interpretive Services for an “Explore Salamonie” hike at 5 p.m. during each month’s first Saturday through September at Salamonie’s Interpretive and Nature Center at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Wear appropriate footwear, clothing and bring along your water bottle, sunscreen and bug spray. A set of binoculars or cameras may come in handy. Each hike is open to the public and geared for families. Each hike will last approximately 45 minutes to an hour. Registration is requested by calling 260-468-2127. Property entrance fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle apply. State Park Annual Entrance Passes are available for purchase.

### DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian

experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email [office@wabashfriends.org](mailto:office@wabashfriends.org), call 260-571-5235 or visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

### Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

*Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplaindealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

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# Woman can't accept ex's new girlfriend

**DEAR ABBY:** I've been divorced from my husband of 18 years for two years, separated for three. I have encouraged my ex to get out and meet new people. (He stayed home and alone for about two years.) It must have been a New Year's resolution of his because I no longer receive random texts to ask how I'm doing or to make casual conversation.

**Dear Abby**



When I asked him who she was, he replied, "Nobody." Of course, I know him well, and I knew he wasn't being truthful. He's 50; she's 25. I'm grossed out, mostly because our older daughter is 27. The younger one is 22. I know I should be happy for him, but I'm not.

We still celebrate holidays as a big, old, happy family, which I don't mind. We have grandchildren, and I want the holidays to be special. But I have no desire to celebrate them with someone who is barely older than my younger daughter. I know it likely won't go anywhere, but what the heck?

I'm in a happy relationship. Granted, I'm enjoying life and not planning my future or anything like that. My mind says one thing; my heart says another. Do I need therapy? Are these normal feelings? – Thrown In Montana

**DEAR THROWN:** It would be abnormal not to have "some" reaction to the new woman in your ex's life. That he's obscuring the truth from you tells me he may feel guilty about the age difference or worried you will be judgmental. Therapy may help you accept that he's now the captain of his fate, so it's no longer necessary for you to help him navigate the seas of life. It would be cheaper to simply let go, allow him to make some mistakes along the way and focus instead on your own present and future.

**DEAR ABBY:** My heart is heavy for my sister-in-law, "Becca," and her family. Her brother recently passed away. He'd been ill, but no one expected his death. To make matters worse, his wife didn't contact his family about his death for several days and had him cremated without notifying them. They learned about his death when his obit was posted on Facebook.

From what I've been told, his wife has had little to no contact with his family. Becca can't understand what could have been her problem. He was an only son and brother. They didn't have an opportunity to say goodbye; therefore, they don't have closure. His sister and mother are grief-stricken and angry.

I can only offer words of comfort and prayers. With so many unanswered questions behind all of this, what is the best way to offer comfort and support? Or should I just give them time? – So Much Pain

**DEAR SO MUCH PAIN:** Please accept my condolences for your family's loss. Call Becca and her family often. Even better, deliver your words of comfort by visiting in person if she would appreciate the company. Offer to help with shopping for groceries, laundry – whatever she might be too depressed to do herself right now. And THEN give her time to heal.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Mail pouch  
4 Loafing  
8 The lady  
11 Radius neighbor  
12 Carol  
13 "Shogun" apparel  
14 Hoodwink  
15 Control device  
16 Mattress problem  
17 Paid for  
19 Yields to  
21 Bro or sis  
23 Be billed  
24 Slangy refusal  
27 Tailless cat  
29 Hole-making tools  
33 Had a bite  
34 Speck  
35 "No dice!" (hyph.)  
36 Hutches  
38 Tibetan gazelle  
39 Historical period  
40 Bombay nanny  
41 Phillips University town  
43 Somber evergreen  
44 Speaker's pauses

DOWN

1 Hard punch  
2 Pretty soon  
3 Nor'easters  
4 Sign a contract  
5 Put on  
6 Mr. Buscaglia  
7 Push rudely  
8 Wet down  
9 Online auction site  
10 Tractor-trailers  
11 Mysterious sighting

46 "Iron Man" Gehrig  
48 One-celled plants  
51 Moby Dick, e.g.  
55 Moo goo — pan  
56 Checked out  
60 Breezed through  
61 Wheel part  
62 Albright or Falana  
63 Coffee makers  
64 Lemon drink  
65 Bob  
66 Open meadow

18 Cloudy  
20 Swain  
22 Police IDs  
23 Gourmet soup  
24 CAR-QUEST rival  
25 Tabloid tidbit  
26 Lucy Lawless role  
28 Lunch hour, often  
30 Miss Muffet's fare  
31 Fisher-man's fly  
32 Bandleader Artie —  
37 Onetime Mets' stadium

42 Big name in chemicals  
45 Film spoils  
47 Self-mover's rental (hyph.)  
48 Ottoman title  
49 Commend  
50 Mocking comment  
52 Lot size, often  
53 Horne or Olin  
54 Mag execs  
57 Not hither  
58 Yale athlete  
59 Drop bait on water

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
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9	6	2	7	5	1	8	3	4
4	3	7	6	9	8	1	5	2
6	5	9	4	1	7	3	2	8
2	7	8	9	3	5	4	6	1
1	4	3	8	2	6	7	9	5

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GLOAT SNIFF FEWEST HOURLY  
Answer: She wanted the horse to jump over the fence, but the horse was a — "NEIGH-SAYER"

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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## BC

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## DILBERT

## GARFIELD

## FORT KNOX

## PICKLES

## America should take seriously what the Bible says

**Q:** As we watch our government sign into law things that God calls sin and defiance against His Word, doesn't this confirm that America is no longer a nation under God? – J.F.

**A:** A young America grew and prospered within the framework of its Constitution because the early settlers lived by the laws set forth in the Bible, which is the constitution of Christianity. Just as the United States Constitution is not of any private interpretation, neither is the Bible of any private interpretation, for God reveals Himself clearly to those who seek Him.

God honored and blessed America as few nations in history. There is no doubt that in recent years the nation has wandered away

from its rich, God-fearing heritage. We have forgotten that the secret strength of a nation is found in the faith that abides in the hearts and homes of the citizens. We have been distracted by personal success and leisure, relegating the Bible to the background.

America is on a slippery slope and its citizens should take heed that nations rise, they flourish for a time, and then decline. History proves that when nations cease to fulfill the function that God meant for them, even the greatest earthly power will

not last forever. Our nation grew strong in an era when moral standards were emphasized, and it will grow weaker as we condone that which we once condemned. Our government is certainly going to fall like a rope of sand if unsupported by the moral fabric of God's Word.

Not only America, but all countries, should take seriously what the Bible says: "Come here and listen, O nations of the earth. Let the world and everything in it hear my words" (Isaiah 34:1, NLT).

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"WFRZR ED VHOF VBZR WB XRESM  
C JCWZEBW CSI C OEWEKRS WFC S  
ZROEWESM WFR JPRIMR BZ ZCEDESM  
C UPCM." — TRDDR YRSWHZC

Previous Solution: "I'm a dreamer. I have to dream and reach for the stars, and if I miss a star then I grab a handful of clouds." — Mike Tyson

TODAY'S CLUE: Z sjenbz X



# MU women’s tennis players garner all-HCAC nods

Karly Eichenauer and Natalie Kotlin honored

By DILLON BENDER

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) announced its 2021 women’s Tennis All-Conference teams and award winners on Tuesday, May 11.

Senior Karly Eichenauer, from North Manchester and Manchester High School, was named First Team All-HCAC. Eichenauer served as a team captain and leader for the women’s tennis program. She led Manchester with four singles victories this year – all of which came at

the No. 1 flight. She paired up with Natalie Kotlin for a win at No. 1 doubles against Franklin College.

Eichenauer led the Black and Gold in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament with a victory at No. 1 singles against Anderson’s Claire Miller, winning in three sets, 6-4, 5-7, 1-0 (14-12).

Natalie Kotlin, from Lowell, was also honored by the league office. Kotlin picked up Honorable Mention All-HCAC accolades this year. Natalie split time playing at No. 3 and No. 4 singles during her first year at Manchester. She also split time playing at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.



**FAR LEFT:** Senior Karly Eichenauer, from North Manchester and Manchester High School, was named First Team All-HCAC.

**LEFT:** Natalie Kotlin, from Lowell, was also honored by the league office.

Provided photos

# ‘What is NIL?’ and other questions about college athlete compensation

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beginning Thursday, hundreds of thousands of college athletes will be able to earn a form of compensation that has been barred for decades by regulations put in place by the NCAA, conferences, schools or a combination of all of them.

It is a major change for college athletics and has sparked concerns about the end of amateurism and potential corruption, particularly on the recruiting trail. Some questions and answers about “NIL,” the shorthand most commonly used for athlete compensation tied to use of their name, image or likeness:

**Question:** What is NIL compensation?

**Answer:** This is compensation – usually money – earned by college athletes for use of their fame or celebrity, either their name, their image or a likeness of who they are. Examples include being paid for autographs, appearing in an advertisement or providing a social media shoutout. It means that a business can strike a deal with an athlete and pay them to tout their services or product. Athletes are required to notify their schools of NIL arrangements.

**Q: Why is it important?**

**A:** Professional athletes have been able to ink lucrative compensation deals for years, from shoe companies to automakers. College athletes have been barred from doing so under the argument that amateur athletics should remain free of the influences – bad or otherwise – of money. The NCAA has been repeatedly challenged in this area in court and has lost a number of key battles.

**Q: How did this happen?**

**A:** California forced the issue by passing a state law in 2019 that basically bars the NCAA from interfering in athletes earning NIL compensation. Other states quickly followed and before long, the NCAA was facing the possibility of differing rules across the nation – a chaotic situation



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The NCAA logo is seen in the second half of a game between Northwestern and Vanderbilt in the 2017 NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament at Vivint Smart Home Arena on March 16, 2017 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

that many feared would lead to inequities. Laws take effect beginning Thursday in a dozen states, including Alabama, Florida and Texas, but athletes everywhere won’t have to wait for their state to take advantage.

**Q: Wait, why not?**

**A:** The NCAA was supposed to put guidance in place allowing for NIL compensation months ago but things got bogged down after an antitrust warning from the Justice Department. The NCAA was also hoping for a federal law from Congress. With both of those efforts falling short against that July 1 deadline with state laws looming, the NCAA essentially said it is fine for athletes to follow the NIL rules in place in their states, leaving it to their schools to police the activity. In states without a NIL law, athletes don’t have to worry about putting their eligibility at risk for NIL earnings.

**Q: Won’t that be chaotic?**

**A:** It is definitely a situation the NCAA, as the nation’s largest overseer of college athletics with some 460,000 athletes, was hoping to avoid. Some experts believe the mar-

ket for college athletes is going to take shape slowly and controversies might be settled quietly between athlete and school. But there is the potential for a bit of a feeding frenzy for some athletes, particularly in states with no NIL guidance. Sports agents are also watching developments closely and the lack of uniform rules and regulations is a complicating factor they have to consider.

**Q: Does this mean athletes can endorse anything?**

**A:** No, and state laws differ on that topic. In Texas, athletes won’t be allowed to endorse alcohol, tobacco products, e-cigarettes, anabolic steroids, sports betting or a sexually oriented business. But they may be able to endorse, say, a firearm they can legally purchase. It will be up to school compliance officers to figure out where the lines are drawn.

**Q: What is a school’s role?**

**A:** Schools won’t be paying their athletes anything – it will be third parties – but they do have oversight of their athletes’ NIL deals. Schools could also object to deals that conflict with ex-

isting agreements, i.e., an athlete endorsing a different brand of apparel than the one paying the school to wear its brand. In most cases, athletes won’t be allowed to display school marks or logos while making money off their own celebrity. Schools also cannot broker deals for their athletes, but many have reached agreements with brand facilitators to help educate their athletes. As for boosters, they cannot use NIL deals as recruiting inducements or to compensate an athlete based directly on performance.

**Q: What’s next?**

**A:** The NCAA has been clear that its decision this week to allow something of a wild West show for NIL compensation is an “interim” move until federal legislation or different NCAA rules are in place. It also noted the Supreme Court left in place its governing authority over college athletics and that it remains committed to avoiding “pay-for-play and improper inducements” tied to recruiting. Still, the NCAA has acknowledged that NIL compensation in some form is here to stay.

## SCOREBOARD

### MLB

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	51	31	.622	—
Tampa Bay	47	34	.580	3½
Toronto	41	38	.519	8½
New York	41	39	.513	9
Baltimore	27	54	.333	23½

##### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	48	32	.600	—
Cleveland	42	36	.538	5
Detroit	36	45	.444	12½
Minnesota	33	46	.418	14½
Kansas City	33	47	.413	15

##### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	49	33	.598	—
Oakland	48	35	.578	1½
Seattle	43	39	.524	6
Los Angeles	39	41	.488	9
Texas	32	49	.395	16½

#### Thursday’s Games

Boston 15, Kansas City 1  
Seattle 7, Toronto 2  
Chicago White Sox 8, Minnesota 5  
Texas 8, Oakland 3  
Houston 7, Cleveland 2  
L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, ppd.

#### Saturday’s Games

N.Y. Mets (Stroman 6-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Cole 8-4), 1:05 p.m.  
Tampa Bay (McClanahan 3-2) at Toronto (Stripling 3-4), 3:07 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Keuchel 6-2) at Detroit (Skubal 4-7), 4:10 p.m.  
Minnesota (TBD) at Kansas City (Duffy 4-3), 4:10 p.m.  
Boston (Richards 4-5) at Oakland (Irvin 6-7), 7:15 p.m.  
Houston (Odorizzi 2-3) at Cleveland (Morgan 1-2), 7:15 p.m.  
Baltimore (López 2-10) at L.A. Angels (Cobb 5-3), 10:07 p.m.  
Texas (Lyles 3-5) at Seattle (Gonzales 1-4), 10:10 p.m.

#### Sunday’s Games

Tampa Bay at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 1:10 p.m.  
Houston at Cleveland, 1:10 p.m.  
Minnesota at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.  
Baltimore at L.A. Angels, 4:07 p.m.  
Boston at Oakland, 4:07 p.m.  
Texas at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 7:08 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

#### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	41	36	.532	—
Washington	40	39	.506	2
Atlanta	39	41	.488	3½
Philadelphia	37	41	.474	4½
Miami	34	45	.430	8

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	49	33	.598	—
Chicago	42	39	.519	6½
Cincinnati	40	40	.500	8
St. Louis	40	42	.488	9
Pittsburgh	29	51	.363	19

#### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	50	30	.625	—
Los Angeles	50	31	.617	½
San Diego	49	34	.590	2½
Colorado	35	47	.427	16
Arizona	23	60	.277	28½

#### Thursday’s Games

L.A. Dodgers 6, Washington 2, 5 innings  
Atlanta 4, N.Y. Mets 3  
Milwaukee 7, Pittsburgh 2  
Cincinnati 5, San Diego 4

Colorado 5, St. Louis 2

Arizona 5, San Francisco 3

Miami at Philadelphia, ppd.

#### Saturday’s Games

N.Y. Mets (Stroman 6-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Cole 8-4), 1:05 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Lauer 2-3) at Pittsburgh (TBD), 4:05 p.m.  
San Diego (Darvish 7-2) at Philadelphia (Wheeler 6-4), 4:05 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Alzola 4-7) at Cincinnati (Mahle 7-3), 4:10 p.m.  
Miami (Thompson 2-2) at Atlanta (Muller 1-1), 4:10 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 9-7) at Washington (Espino 2-2), 7:15 p.m.  
St. Louis (LeBlanc 0-1) at Colorado (Freeland 1-2), 9:10 p.m.  
San Francisco (Long 1-1) at Arizona (TBD), 10:10 p.m.

#### Sunday’s Games

L.A. Dodgers at Washington, 11:05 a.m.  
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 1:05 p.m.  
San Diego at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 1:10 p.m.  
Miami at Atlanta, 1:20 p.m.  
St. Louis at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 7:08 p.m.  
San Francisco at Arizona, 9:10 p.m.

### NHL

#### STANLEY CUP FINAL

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

##### Tampa Bay 2, Montreal 0

Monday, June 28: Tampa Bay 5, Montreal 1

Wednesday, June 30: Tampa Bay 3, Montreal 1

Friday, July 2: Tampa Bay at Montreal

Monday, July 5: Tampa Bay at Montreal, 8 p.m.

x-Wednesday, July 7: Montreal at Tampa Bay, TBA

x-Friday, July 9: Tampa Bay at Montreal, TBA

x-Sunday, July 11: Montreal at Tampa Bay, TBA

### NBA

#### CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

##### Eastern Conference

###### Milwaukee 3, Atlanta 2

Wednesday, June 23: Atlanta 116, Milwaukee 113

Friday, June 25: Milwaukee 125, Atlanta 91

Sunday, June 27: Milwaukee 113, Atlanta 102

Tuesday, June 29: Atlanta 110, Milwaukee 88

Thursday, July 1: Milwaukee 123, Atlanta 112

Saturday, July 3: Milwaukee at Atlanta, 8:30 p.m.

x-Monday, July 5: Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

##### Western Conference

###### Phoenix 4, L.A. Clippers 2

Sunday, June 20: Phoenix 120, L.A. Clippers 114

Tuesday, June 22: Phoenix 104, L.A. Clippers 103

Thursday, June 24: L.A. Clippers 106, Phoenix 92

Saturday, June 26: Phoenix 84, L.A. Clippers 80

Monday, June 28: L.A. Clippers 116, Phoenix 102

Wednesday, June 30: Phoenix 130, L.A. Clippers 103

# Djokovic advances again at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Any lapse by Novak Djokovic is brief.

When the world’s No. 1 player double-faulted on his first two points in a tiebreaker Friday, he quickly regrouped to close out a victory over American qualifier Denis Kudla, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (7).

“Somehow I found a way to win,” Djokovic said.

As usual. He improved to 17-0 in Grand Slam matches this year, and has also won 17 consecutive matches at Wimbledon, where he is the two-time defending champion.

Djokovic’s opponent Monday will be No. 17-seeded Cristian Garín of Chile, who beat Pedro Martínez 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

In other men’s play, No. 9 Diego Schwartzman was eliminated by Márton Fucsovics, 6-3, 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-4. No. 25 Karen Khachanov won 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 against American Frances Tiafoe, who upset No. 3 Stefanos Tsitsipas in straight sets in the first round.

No. 5 Andrey Rublev hit 13 aces and beat No. 26 Fabio Fognini 6-3, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2. No. 8 Roberto Bautista Agut swept Dominik Koepfer 7-5,

6-1, 7-6 (4).

On the women’s side, No. 2-seeded Aryna Sabalenka is into the second week of play, and on the verge of a career breakthrough. The hard-hitting Belarusian beat qualifier María Camila Osorio Serrano 6-0, 6-3 to reach the fourth round, and she might be overdue for a deep run in a Grand Slam.

Sabalenka next faces No. 18 Elena Rybakina, who eliminated American Shelby Rogers 6-1, 6-4.

Also still in contention is No. 7-seeded Iga Swiatek, the 2020 French Open champion, who breezed into the fourth round by beating Irina-Camelia Begu 6-1, 6-0. Swiatek seeks a Wimbledon double after winning the girls’ singles title in 2018.

No. 21 Ons Jabeur vomited next to the backstop before her first match point and then finished off former Wimbledon champion Garbiñe Muguruza 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.

Wild card Liudmila Samsonova of Russia reached the round of 16 at a major for the first time by beating American Sloane Stephens 6-2, 2-6, 6-4. No. 8 Karolina Pliskova swept Tereza Martincová 6-3, 6-3.

# Richardson will miss Olympic 100 after failed test

By EDDIE PELLIS and PAT GRAHAM  
AP Sports Writers

American champion Sha’Carri Richardson cannot run in the Olympic 100-meter race after testing positive for a chemical found in marijuana.

Richardson, who won the 100 at Olympic trials in 10.86 seconds on June 19, spoke of her ban Friday on the “Today” show. She tested positive at the Olympic trials and so her result is erased. Fourth-place finisher Jenna Prandini is expected to get Richardson’s spot in the 100.

Richardson accepted a 30-day suspension that ends July 27, which would be in time to run in the women’s relays. USA Track and Field has not disclosed plans for the relay.

The 21-year-old sprinter was expected to face Jamaica’s Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce in one of the most highly an-

ticipated races of the Olympic track meet.

On Thursday, as reports swirled about her possible marijuana use, Richardson put out a tweet that said, simply: “I am human.” On Friday, she went on TV and said she smoked marijuana as a way of coping with her mother’s recent death.

“I was definitely triggered and blinded by emotions, blinded by badness, and hurting, and hiding hurt,” she told NBC. “I know I can’t hide myself, so in some type of way, I was trying to hide my pain.”

Richardson had what could have been a three-month sanction reduced to one month because she participated in a counseling program.

After the London Olympics, international regulators relaxed the threshold for what constitutes a positive test for marijuana from 15 nano-

grams per milliliter to 150 ng/m. They explained the new threshold was an attempt to ensure that in-competition use is detected and not use during the days and weeks before competition.

Though there have been wide-ranging debates about whether marijuana should be considered a performance-enhancing drug, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency makes clear on its website that “all synthetic and naturally occurring cannabinoids are prohibited in-competition, except for cannabidiol (CBD),” a by-product that is being explored for possible medical benefits.

While not weighing in on her prospects for the relays, USATF issued a statement that said her “situation is incredibly unfortunate and devastating for everyone involved.” The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee said it was “working with US-






# Church Directory

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD


**Gospel Light Assembly of God**, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.


## BAPTIST

**Emmanuel Free Will Baptist**, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

**Southside Free Will Baptist**, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

## CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m. Face masks and social distancing required.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

**LaFontaine Christian Church**, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

## CHURCH OF GOD

**First Church of God**, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.


## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: [www.wabashchristian.org](http://www.wabashchristian.org). Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

## FRIENDS CHURCH

 **Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

## INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH


 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: [bachelorcreek.com](http://bachelorcreek.com); Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.


## LUTHERAN

**Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC)**, 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. [www.LivingFaithWabash.org](http://www.LivingFaithWabash.org)

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! [tlcwabash@gmail.com](mailto:tlcwabash@gmail.com).

## UNITED METHODIST

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

 **Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.



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